

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

The previously submitted abstract has been amended as set forth below. A clean version of the amended abstract is being submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

**Amended Abstract**

A bush cutting machine has an operation rod having a front end and a rear end. A cutter blade is mounted to the front end of the operation rod for undergoing rotation. A prime mover is mounted to the rear end of the operation rod for rotationally driving the cutter blade. A throttle lever is pivotally mounted with respect to the operation rod for controlling an opening degree of a throttle valve of the prime mover to adjust a rotational speed of the cutter blade. A brake unit is provided for stopping rotation of the cutter blade. A main wire has a first end portion connected to the throttle lever and a second end portion. A throttle wire has a first end portion connected to the throttle valve of the prime mover and a second end portion. A brake wire has a first end portion connected to the brake unit and a second end portion. A link mechanism is actuated by operation of the throttle lever to adjust the degree of opening of the throttle valve of the prime mover and to release the brake unit from a

braking condition. The link mechanism includes a generally U-shaped relay member having a first lug portion connected to the second end portion of the main wire and a second lug portion connected to the second end portion of the throttle wire and the second end portion of the brake wire. The first and second lug portions form opposite and confronting leg portions of the U-shaped relay member.